

CLAIMS

1. Strip of fasteners (1) for a fastening apparatus (10) with a loading device (3) intended to take the strip, each fastener comprising a shank pointed at one end (8) and bearing a head (7) at the other end, the fasteners being engaged respectively via their shanks in guide pegs (11) joined together into a string (20) before they are transferred, one by one, from the loading device (3) into the apparatus (2), in the firing position, the strip being characterized in that at least one of the guide pegs at the end of the string (11', 11'') comprises support means (14) designed to prevent it from tilting as it is transferred from the loading device (3) into the apparatus (10).
2. Strip of fasteners according to Claim 1, in which the two end guide pegs of the strip (11', 11'') at least comprise support means (14).
3. Strip of fasteners according to Claim 1, in which the support means comprise at least one lug (14) extending transversely to the overall plane (112) of the strip.
4. Strip of fasteners according to Claim 3, in which each peg (11', 11'') comprises two transverse lugs (14) which are symmetric with respect to the overall plane of the strip.
5. Strip according to Claim 4, in which all the pegs (11) of the strip have support lugs (14).
6. Strip of fasteners according to Claim 1, in which the support means (14) project out of the overall transverse diameter of the peg (11) they are comprised in.
7. Indirect-acting fastening apparatus (10) with a weight (5) intended to be propelled along a bore (4) to drive a fastener (1) of a strip of fasteners, according to Claim 1, which apparatus is characterized in that the bore (4) in which the weight (5) is intended to be propelled and which is intended to receive the fastener (1) with its guide peg (11) provided with support means (14) is designed (17) to accommodate the said support means (14).
8. Apparatus according to Claim 7, in which the said bore (4) in which the weight (5) is propelled is grooved (17) so as to accommodate at least one support lug (14) of the guide pegs (11) of the strip of fasteners (1).

9. Loading device for an indirect-acting fastener apparatus (10) with a weight (5) intended to be propelled along a bore (4) to drive a fastener (1) of a strip of fasteners, according to Claim 1, the loading - device (3) being designed to take the strip of fasteners and comprising a chamber (6) to house the guide pegs (11) of the fasteners (1) of the strip, the chamber (6) being designed (15) to accommodate the said support means (14) of the guide pegs (11).

10. Loading device according to Claim 9, in which the chamber (6) accommodating the guide pegs (11) of the loading device is grooved (15) to accommodate at least one support lug (14) of the guide pegs (11) of the strip of fasteners (1).